

# Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration and Enhancement Task Force

Update to CPRAB  
April 21, 2021






- Created in 1998
- Non-federal sponsor for the USACE Atchafalaya Basin Floodway
- Manage and implement a state master plan for the Atchafalaya Basin

## Atchafalaya Basin Water Management Units











State of Louisiana  
The Honorable John Bel Edwards, Governor



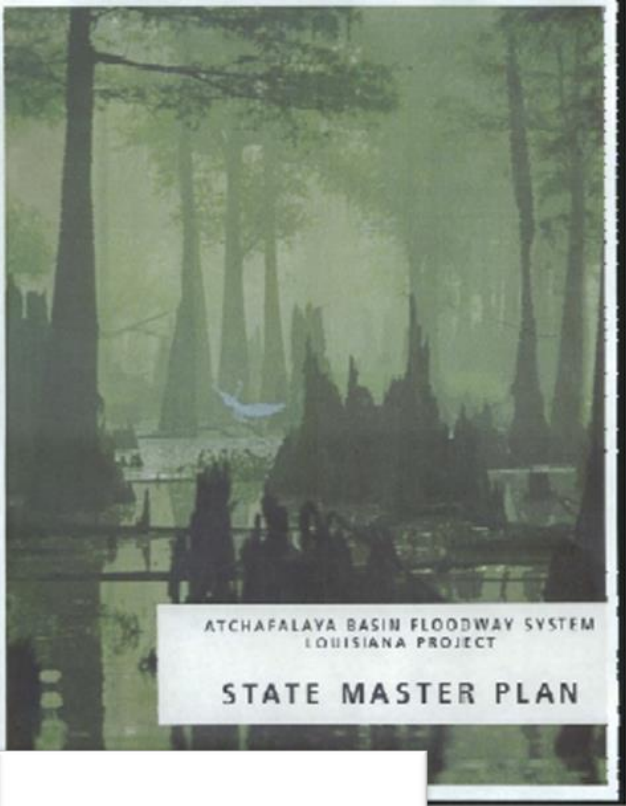
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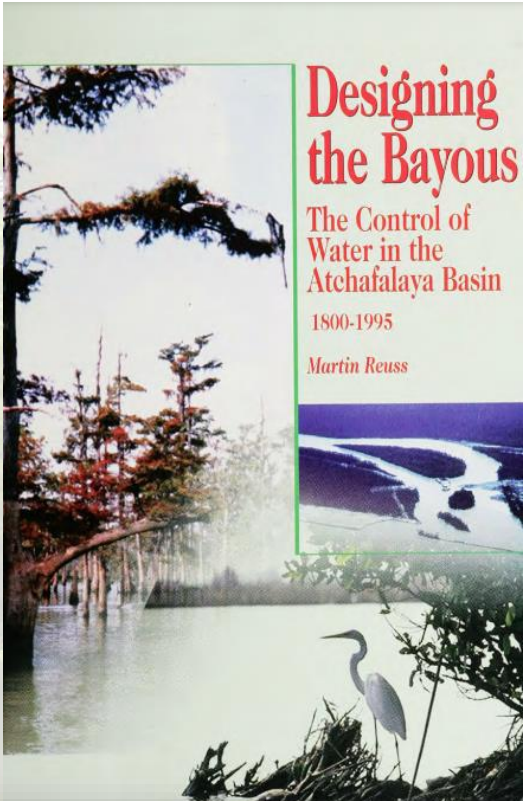
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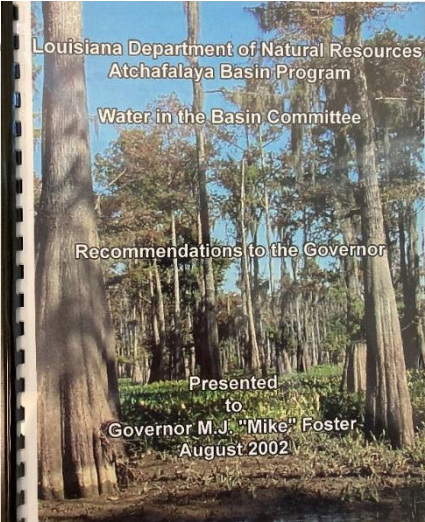
Effective June 2, 2017



ATCHAFALAYA BASIN FLOODWAY SYSTEM  
LOUISIANA PROJECT  
  
STATE MASTER PLAN



Designing the Bayous  
The Control of Water in the Atchafalaya Basin  
1800-1995  
Martin Reuss



Louisiana Department of Natural Resources  
Atchafalaya Basin Program  
  
Water in the Basin Committee  
  
Recommendations to the Governor  
  
Presented to  
Governor M.J. "Mike" Foster  
August 2002

FINAL REPORT | SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 154  
OF THE 2017 REGULAR SESSION

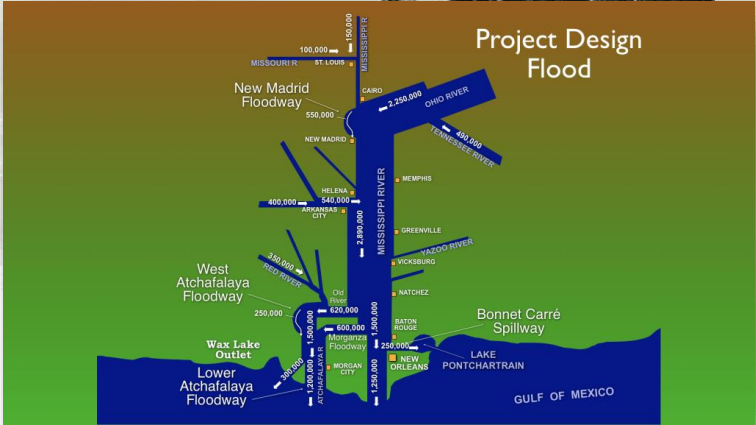


STATE OF LOUISIANA  
DEPARTMENT OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES



EMERGENT METHOD

JANUARY 2018

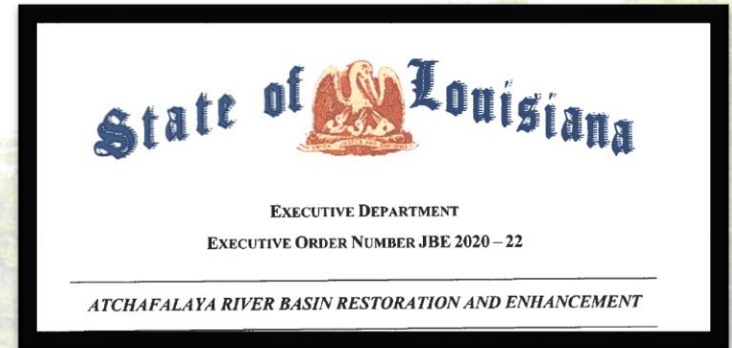




## Challenges to Overcome

- **Severe and continued loss of habitats within the Basin**
- **Multiple stakeholder viewpoints and interests**
- Need a consensus vision for Basin management
- No dedicated funding stream for the Basin protection/restoration
- Not elevated to critical status





- Diverse membership
- Focused on implementation
- Will inform future planning and projects
- Charged with recommendations by September 2021

1. Elevating critical issues facing the Atchafalaya Basin and the importance of its holistic management for navigation, flood control, and restoration;
2. Identifying and building support for new and recurring sources of funding, including working closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to reinvigorate the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System – Louisiana Project
3. Identifying shared goals and values for restoration and enhancement of the Basin, as illustrated by project types that would benefit both the Basin and the larger coastal program as managed by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and
4. Serving as a proactive means to build consensus and advise the Atchafalaya Basin Program on matters relating to implementation of the Atchafalaya Basin Floodway System – Louisiana Project.

## Implementing Solutions

### Identify the Issues

- provided by membership with many common items
- hydrology, sedimentation, invasives, water quality, land and resource use, landloss/subsidence

### Identify the Potential Solutions

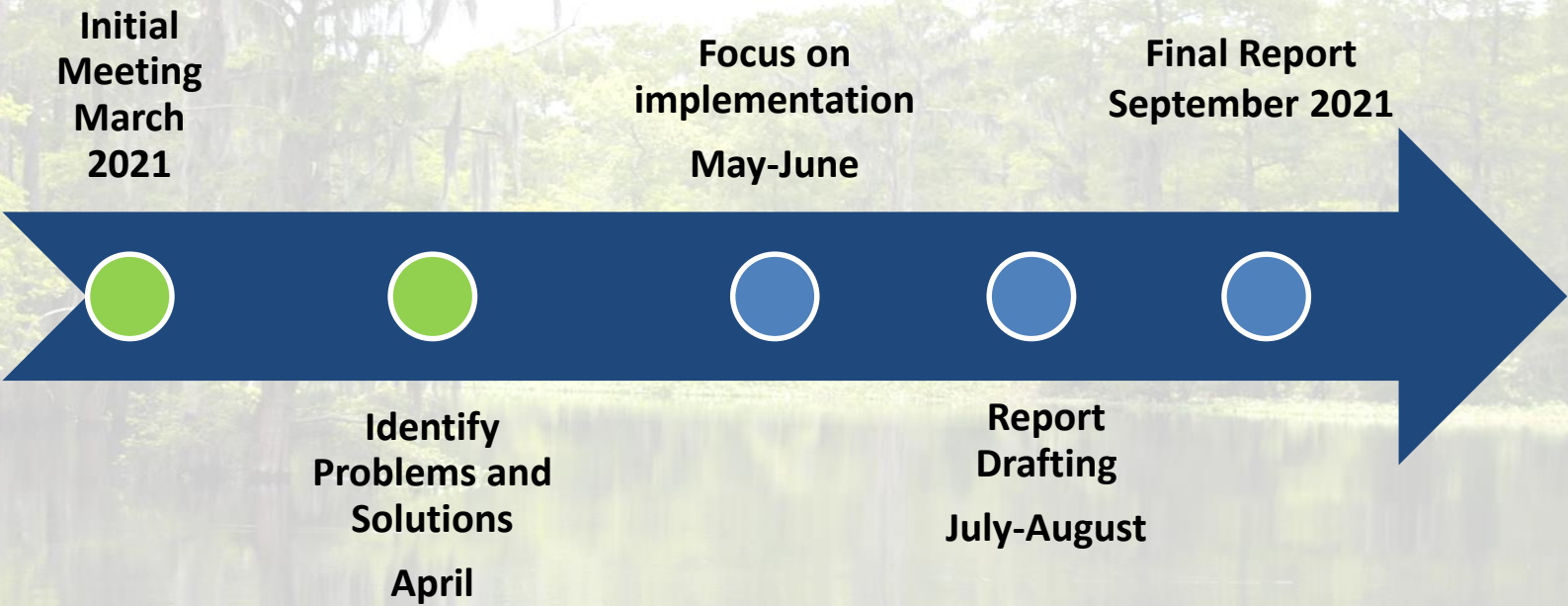
- methods to address one or multiple issues
- certain constraints or challenges may exist

### Implementation Strategy

- where are the sticking points
- what removes those sticking points



# Timeline







Next Meeting  
Tuesday, May 4 at 9:00

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7327 HWY 182  
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